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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Final Rejection) of March 25, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Petition for a one-month Extension of Time and appropriate fees accompany this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Appendix including verified English translations of JP 2000-050034 and JP 2000-054955 are attached following page 10 of this paper.